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## POTATOES.

## TRAGEDY.

## THE PRINCE'S WESTERN TOUR



The Daily Mirror offers a prize of £500 to the amateur potato grower for the best five potatoes. They must be grown in an allotment or in a private garden. Potatoes may yet save the Empire. A happy girl digger at work on her allotment yesterday. (Daily Mirror photograph.)



The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, whose body was found last Saturday afternoon in Lake Buerger, with a gun-shot wound in the chest. He had been going for a walk with his dog.

3,000 COUSINS.



Sergt. Alden, who has been serving with the American Ambulance Corps and has joined the French Artillery, is a direct descendant of the founder of the New England States. He has over 3,000 cousins.



The Prince wields a sledge-hammer.



The Prince in miner's dress

## EASTERN CUSTOMS IN A WESTERN LAND.



The members of the Chinese labour battalion in France celebrated their New Year's Day in their accustomed fashion. A love-making tableau: a Chinese fisherman's wooing. (Official photograph.)



A lady tenant introduced to the Prince.



Salvation Army lassies receiving a gift.

The Prince of Wales, during his tour in Cornwall, visited the Duchy of Cornwall estates. He inspected his wolfram and tin mines, and went down into the cuttings after donning miner's clothes. These mines are now being extended and extensively worked. His Royal Highness has received a great deal of interest from the people of the district.



# OUR £500 PRIZE FOR FIVE POTATOES!

Plotter's Chance to Make Food Front Firm.

£250 IN OTHER PRIZES.

What Two Lord Mayors Think of "The Daily Mirror's" Offer.

The announcement of *The Daily Mirror's* great scheme of prizes for amateur potato growers in the United Kingdom aroused great interest everywhere yesterday.

Already it is clear that the offer of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS FOR FIVE POTATOES

will set all the amateur allotment, or private garden growers hard at work.

The potato is the cheapest and most palatable of foods.

But *The Daily Mirror* is determined to increase its production by rewarding it as though it were the most precious of luxuries. One hundred pounds a potato!

Such a price was never asked, but such a prize is now offered. *The Daily Mirror* offers it for a patriotic purpose.

The purpose and point is that we can live exclusively on potatoes if we have to. We cannot grow too many therefore, and we must begin at once.

*The Daily Mirror* prize list is as follows:—

First Prize ... ..	£500
Second " ... ..	£100
Third " ... ..	£50
Fourth " ... ..	£25
Fifth " ... ..	£10

And there will also be:—

13 Prizes of £5 each.

The total value of the prize money will therefore be

£750

Now let all amateur growers begin to grow! *The Daily Mirror* cannot undertake to conduct private correspondence with readers about the scheme.

## POINTS TO REMEMBER.

Here are some points potato-growers should bear in mind:—

Your ground must be well prepared. Dig, dig, dig!

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If your soil is poor use none but well-decayed manure—and very little of that—and see that it is dug well into the ground.

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Get your seed at once.

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See that your "sets" are sprouting before they go into the ground. All you want is a shallow tray, thinly lined with soil. Stand your seed, "eyes upwards," in it close together, and expose the tray at the window of a sunny room, or in a frame or greenhouse.

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Before planting rub all weak shoots off, retaining only the two strongest.

Plant your "first earlies" during the first half of March. They will be growing then while you get in your main croppers, and be ready for the pot by the time the later sorts begin to flower.

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Harden your seeds before setting.

## MESSAGES FROM LORD MAYORS.

Among the telegrams received by *The Daily Mirror* yesterday were the following:—

The Lord Mayor of London (Sir Charles Hanson, M.P.): "I congratulate you on your interesting and patriotic scheme to increase the nation's food production, and trust the competition will attract many amateurs, who will show successfully what can be done to stimulate so important a factor in providing for the public wants at this juncture."

Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. D. Brooks): "Your prize scheme is likely to stimulate scientific cultivation of potatoes, which is of national importance."

Mayor of Wandsworth (Alderman A. D. Dawney): "Your idea is magnificent. The growing of potatoes is much to be encouraged, especially by allottees, who did splendidly last year."

Mayor of Westminster (Sir G. Earle-Selby): "Consider it most important that every encouragement should be given to increase the cultivation of potatoes."

Mr. Stanhope W. Sprigg, the editor of the *Smallholder*, said:—

"I think it is a splendid thing for you to have done. It has come exactly at the right moment and I think the effect will be enormous."

Mr. Gerald W. Butcher, of the Vacant Land Cultivation Society, said:—

"It is a fine type of public work. There is no doubt that the impetus it will give to the movement will be tremendous."

Price of Sprouted Seed.—The Food Controller has decided in special circumstances to grant licences to dealers to sell sprouted seed potatoes at a price not exceeding 30s. per ton in excess of the price allowed for the same variety of unsprouted seed potatoes for the same Seed Potatoes (1918) 1918, 1918.



Lord Mayor of Birmingham.



Lord Mayor of London.

## SAVED FROM WRECK.

Forty-four Survivors from the Florizel—102 Lives Lost.

## STEAMER TO THE RESCUE.

MONTREAL, Monday.—A wireless message received from Cape Race gives the number of lives lost by the wreck of the *Florizel* as 102 and the number of survivors as forty-four.—Reuter.

An earlier message stated that a steamer was reported to have saved forty persons.

A New York message said that, according to private advices from St. John's (Newfoundland), a steamer has taken off twenty-five passengers.—Central News.

The bodies of Mr. J. S. Munn, managing director of Bowring Brothers, of Liverpool, his daughter Betty, and Captain Martin, have been washed ashore, states the Central News. The *Florizel*, 5,000 tons, which was on a voyage from St. John's to New York, went ashore in a blizzard near Cape Race (Newfoundland) on Sunday.

## 'COMPLAINTS ONLY HURT.'

Soldier's Wife Calls on Women to Play Their Part in the Struggle.

"I quite agree with you that the men should not be worried over the shopping problem. We must not expect to go through this struggle entirely free from anxiety and sacrifice. As long as our men are getting well fed in the firing line, let us wives cheer up and thank God that we are safe from the guns."

Thus wrote Mrs. A. K. Corridan (the wife of a private in the Durham Light Infantry) to Mr. Clynes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, in reply to the message of "good cheer" sent by Lord Rhonda and Mr. Clynes to the men at the front.

"Let the wives do their part in this struggle," says Mrs. Corridan, "and if the time does come when a vegetarian diet will be found necessary, then remember that complaints will only hurt, and not heal, or help, their dear ones."

## 25 YEARS FOR U.S. TRAITOR

Tapped Telephone Wire Leads to a Dramatic Discovery.

WASHINGTON, Sunday (received yesterday).—Captain Henkes, an officer of German descent, who was dismissed from the United States Army and sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment with hard labour, was brought back from France owing to his insistent demands for permission to resign.

On his arrival he asked leave to visit his wife, which was refused, but he was allowed to telephone to certain persons. The wire was tapped, and Henkes was heard to tell his wife to burn his private papers.

Before his wife could carry out this order the papers were seized. These proved that Henkes had not only been in communication with Count Bernstorff (the late German Ambassador) but had also contributed to German, Austrian and Turkish funds, and had been an active propagandist.—Reuter.

## CAPTAIN HARMSWORTH'S BEQUESTS.

In the will of Captain Hon. H. A. V. Harmsworth, M.C. (Irish Guards), aged twenty-three, who died on the 12th inst. from wounds received in the battle of Cambrai, are the following bequests:—

£1,000 to Irish Guardsmen disabled in the war, or in need of assistance, to be spent as directed by the Lieutenant-colonel commanding; £1,000 for the education of sons whose fathers have been killed in the war; £1,000 to help men disabled in the war; and £50 each to his regimental servant (Private Corbett) and to three non-commissioned officers of his company (Sergeants Kenry, Howe and Nolan). He also left £50 each to six old servants.

## A GRAND DUKE'S SUICIDE.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—It is officially confirmed that the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg committed suicide on Saturday.

He had recently returned to Strelitz from the front and was both nervous and depressed. The doctors diagnosed his state as one of neurasthenia.

## ARMY CHIEF'S POWER.

M.P. and the Question of a Generalissimo.

## NEW PAY BOOK FOR SOLDIERS.

The Army changes were the subject of questions in the Commons last night.

Colonel Yate asked whether the powers and duties that had now been taken from the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, to meet the requirements of the Supreme War Council at Versailles would be restored when the Versailles Supreme War Council was dissolved at the end of the war.

Mr. Bonar Law said the powers of the Chief of the Staff were exactly the same as they were before the Order in Council was issued.

Asked if the powers withdrawn from the Chief of Staff were now conferred on Lord Derby, the War Secretary, Mr. Bonar Law said the change represented the powers which for a time were in the hands of the Chief of Staff, and are now in the hands of the Army Council.

Sir Charles Hobhouse urged that the House should not part with the control of His Majesty's forces to any foreign general, however distinguished. The powers of the Secretary of State and the Chief of the General Staff had been reduced.

**New Soldiers' Pay Book.**—Mr. Forster stated in regard to soldiers' pay that a new pay-book had been decided on which would show quarterly the state of a man's account.

**Army of 5,000,000.**—On the Army Estimates a vote was passed fixing the number of men on home and Colonial establishments at 5,000,000, including the Air Force, but not the Indian Service.

**Condition of Ireland.**—Mr. Bonar Law said the condition of a part of Ireland had been under the consideration of the War Cabinet.

## KAISER EARNS A STATUE

M. Thomas Tells of War's Bright Side for France.

M. Albert Thomas, the ex-French Minister of Munitions, speaking at Cardiff last night, described the transformation of French industry during the war.

The munition difficulty, he said, was as grave in France in 1914 as it was in England, because France had no supplies of metal. Britain came to the rescue and supplied the steel. When guns and shells were supplied to the French Army Marshal Joffre always asked for more, and still more.

When the day of peace came he would propose a general subscription in his own country to raise a statue to the Kaiser as the restorer of French industry.

## THREE TUBE MISHAPS.

Passengers Walk Along Line in Dark—Women Cooler Than Men.

Three mishaps occurred on the London Tubes yesterday morning about nine o'clock, when many thousands of persons were hastening to business.

The most serious was that on the Bakerloo between Maida Vale and Warwick-avenue Stations, one train colliding with the rear of another. None of the passengers were hurt, but three railway employees sustained injuries.

Conductor A. Cardridge, Peckham, lost both feet cut off, and Driver J. Neith, Laver-hill, Battersea, and W. H. Everett, electrician, Woodford-road, Watford, sustained fractured legs.

While a train was running between Golders Green and Harrow the motor car burst into flames, all the lights went out, and the passengers rushed out and walked along the line to the former station, which is above ground. The women are said to have displayed more coolness than the men.

Trouble with a fuse caused an outbreak of fire on an electric train from Watford to Elephant and Castle as it was entering Paddington Station on the Bakerloo, and the line was blocked for some time.

## MEETING THANKS AIR MINISTER.

A meeting of the People's Fairplay League on Tower-hill yesterday passed the following resolution: "That this meeting of the People's Fairplay League at Tower-hill congratulates and thanks those responsible for the initiation and execution of an increased air offensive on Germany during the trying winter months, looks upon recent successful raids as forerunners of ruthless and relentless day and night raids on Cologne, Frankfurt, Essen and other German towns, and thanks Lord Rothermere for so clearly giving and presenting gratifying details to the public without conveying information to the enemy."

## SMITH BEATS BECKETT.

In a contest for the light-heavy-weight championship and the Lonsdale Belt, at the National Sporting Club last night, Connaught Major, Dick Smith beat Air-Mechanic Joe Beckett on points.

It was a good hard struggle throughout, but Smith was always the better boxer, and scored well with his left.

At the Ring yesterday afternoon Louis Riddick, of Leeds, beat Fred Jacks, of Huddersfield, in a twenty-round bout on points. At Hoxton Baths yesterday Sergeant Henry Beatty, of Huddersfield, beat the Irishman and Sergeant Henry Curzon, D.C.M., in the sixth round.

## LONDON'S FIRST DAY OF RATIONS.

Blue and Red Passports for Meat Meals.

## CO-OPERATIVE CHICKENS.

London took its first rationed day without enthusiasm, but without grumbling.

There was a general tendency at the restaurants to wait (on customers) and see (what happened).

The system adopted in dealing with the meat cards varied slightly in the different restaurants.

At one place notices were exhibited that those desiring meat dishes must exchange half a coupon for a blue voucher at the cashier's desk on entering. The voucher was surrendered to the waitress on ordering.

At another establishment waitresses were busily engaged in snipping off half coupons and supplying in exchange meat vouchers. These vouchers were printed in blue.

For the surrender of a whole coupon customers obtained a "whole portion" or red printed voucher.

The waitress inscribed her number upon the coupons and handed them over the kitchen counter when taking the ration.

Many hotel guests pooled their tickets when ordering meals and dined on a co-operative basis. For their assistance slips were exhibited as follows:—

1) coupons .....	Half small fowl.
2) coupons .....	Half larger fowl.
3) coupons .....	One small fowl.
4) coupons .....	One larger fowl.

Many meat substitutes were provided in the shape of eggs, fish and vegetables, and there was a big run on spaghetti and macaroni.

In order to enable retailers to calculate the quantity of margarine required by them to supply registered customers with the butter and margarine ration, the Ministry of Food states that the quantity of Government butter expected to be available during March and April will allow a distribution of one-half of the quantity applied for in the retailers' registered applications for each of those months.

## JAM-MAKING RULES.

The Director of Sugar Distribution announces that so far as the position as to supplies can at present be foreseen it will be possible to allocate approximately 10,000 tons of sugar during the coming fruit season to enable private fruit growers to convert their own fruit into jam. The heavy demands for jam for the forces render it essential that factories should maintain their maximum output.

Every applicant to whom sugar is allotted will be credited with having 12lb. of jam in his possession for every pound of sugar supplied to him, and will be expected to forego the purchase of jam for his household to this extent.

To private fruit growers a small allotment of this purpose more than 10lb. of sugar in respect of each person receiving rations of other commodities as a member of his household except upon the undertaking that he will, if required, place at the disposal of the Local Food Committee the jam made with sugar allotted to him beyond that amount, which jam will be paid for at prices not exceeding the controlled wholesale prices.

## MR. BONAR LAW AND 'U's.'

Government Relies on Public Spirit Rather Than £250,000 Reward.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. George Trevellick asked the Leader of the House whether, in view of the present failure to stop completely the submarine menace, the Government would consider the advisability of offering a reward of £250,000 to any inventor who could devise some practical method of defeating the enemy's object.

Mr. Bonar Law said he did not think the suggestion would be effective for the purpose desired. He was convinced that the public spirit of this country did not need to be stimulated by a reward of £250,000.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa.—Admiral Jellicoe has chosen the title of Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa.

Sir G. Cave Declines.—Sir George Cave has decided not to accept the office of Master of the Rolls, but to remain in the House of Commons and at the Home Office.

Wounded Officer's Post.—Lieutenant Charles T. Barton, who is at present an Army hospital patient, was yesterday appointed clerk to the Liverpool Licensing Justices, at a salary of £1,000 a year.

Munitions from Canada.—Munitions to the value of £220,000,000 have been ordered from Canada, through the Imperial Ministry of Munitions, of which £175,000,000 have already been expended.—Reuter.

War Pictures Exhibition.—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Information, on Friday next will open the exhibition of pictures of war at the Leicester Galleries by Mr. C. R. W. Nevinson, official artist on the western front.



# HUNS MAKE ANOTHER HAUL IN RUSSIAN DRIVE

**Pernau Occupied—Lenin Says "Foe's Knees Are on Our Chest."**

## EVE OF GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN WEST?

**British Advance in Mesopotamia—Intense Aerial Activity Reported on the Italian Front.**

**Hun Army Disclosures.**—A bitter attack was made on Prussian Army methods in the Reichstag. A Socialist M.P. said a number of cripples and men disliked politically had been called up. Another M.P. said the temper of the troops was growing more bitter every day. (See column 4 this page.)

**The Russian Drama.**—The Germans in Russia have occupied Pernau and claim taking many hundreds of automobiles. Further south Linsingen's troops have captured the Russian staff at Rovno and are now at Jitomir, about eighty miles from Kieff. Lenin, in advising the acceptance of the German peace terms, said the "Germans' knees are on our chest."

## PREPARING GERMANS FOR FURTHER HUGE SACRIFICES.

**Berlin Begins Press Campaign on Coming Struggle in West.**

### "TERRORS OF NEW WAR."

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—There is every indication that the German War Office has given the word to the newspapers to begin immediately a campaign in order to prepare the public for the fresh sacrifices they will be forced to make when the offensive starts on the western front.

Not only the military critics but the war correspondents are joining in this verbal battery work, and the tone adopted makes it pretty clear that the Army Command is fearful of the depressing effect which the coming operations, with their bloody consequences, will have upon the country.

Particular stress is, therefore, laid upon the argument that the enemy will bear the guilt for the terrible things which must result from his refusal to enter into peace negotiations.

### "VICTORY OR DECLINE."

The *Vossische Zeitung's* correspondent writes: "A most monstrous and terrible thing is awaiting this continent. It is a new war. Never in history will the memory of this February, 1918, be effaced."

The air around us is heavy with fate. We stand before the tragic alternatives of victory or decline.

"Never has the world witnessed such a concentration of physical and mechanical forces as this new mobilisation which precedes a new war, nor such vast exertions on the part of the military organisations."

"We know well that once again our best blood must flow, and bitterness and pain be brought into German homes, but we also know that we will triumph."—Central News.

### ATTACKING POWER IN WEST.

Lieutenant-General von Ardenne writes in the *Berliner Tageblatt*:

"The interest which for the moment is directed upon events on the eastern front will presumably soon be thrown into the shade by the events which are being prepared on the western and south-western front."

"From the meeting of the two Emperors with their military advisers at the German Headquarters it may be concluded that the peace in the fighting which up to the present has prevailed will soon end."

"In this respect it may be remarked that events in the east have not influenced our attacking power in the west, and have not weakened it in regard to numbers."—Central News.

PARIS, Monday.—The *Matin* observes that today is the first day of the full moon of February, and that in the past German offensives made with the object of breaking through have always been carried out by the aid of moonlight. This was the case in 1915 at the Dunajetz; in 1916 at Verdun; in 1917 on the Isonzo.

It is, therefore, possible, that the date of the German offensive may now be imminent.—Exchange.

## M.P. AND IRELAND.

In the House of Commons yesterday Major Newman asked the Premier whether the condition of a part of Ireland had been under the consideration of the War Cabinet, and whether they had in contemplation any measures to strengthen the hands of the Executive in their effort to restore and maintain law and order.

Mr. Bonar Law: The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. As regards the second part, I cannot make any statement at present.

## BRITISH ADVANCE ON THE EUPHRATES.

**Abu Rayat Occupied—Turks Offer Little Resistance.**

### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

The General Officer Commanding in Mesopotamia reports that on February 20 our troops on the Euphrates occupied Kham Abu Rayat, fourteen miles west of Ram Abieh, and patrols advanced to within ten miles of Hit.

The Turks of whom thirty were captured, made little resistance to our advance.

## BRITISH SMASH FOE RAID EAST OF ARMENTIERES.

**German Big Guns Active Near Cambrai and Messines.**

### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

General Headquarters, Monday, 9.25 A.M.—Early this morning a hostile raiding party was repulsed with loss east of Armentieres.

The enemy's artillery has shown some activity south-west of Cambrai and in the Messines sector.

### FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Monday Afternoon.—North of the Ailette we successfully carried out a raid in the region of Urcel and brought back sixteen prisoners and one machine gun.

The night was quiet everywhere else except in Champagne, in the region of Tahure and in Upper Alsace, in the sectors north and south of the Doller, where the artillery duel continued.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Monday Afternoon.—There have been a great many artillery and trench mortar duels. On many parts of the front there have been reconnoitring engagements.

East of Armentieres prisoners and machine guns were captured as a result of one of these engagements.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

## INTENSE AIR FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT.

**Foe Stations and Aviation Camps Bombed—Venice Again Attacked.**

### ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

Monday.—Lively reciprocal cannonading from Adige to Asiago and moderate fire actions along the rest of the front.

On the left bank of the Piave a British patrol attacked a body of the enemy, causing considerable losses.

At Capo Sile hostile parties who over a large tract of the front were trying to attack the bridgehead were promptly dispersed.

During the day intense aerial activity over the first lines. Four of the enemy's machines—two brought down by the French airmen and two by ours—fell in the region of Mount Grappa.

In the night our flights hit the railway stations of Maitarello (south of Trento) and of Priolano, while there was an intense traffic, and bombarded the enemy aviation camps near La Comina and Sfor di Sopra.

### AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN OFFICIAL.

Artillery activity has been lively on the Piave.



Pernau has been taken by the German troops.

## ENEMY CAPTURE RUSSIAN STAFF AT ROVNO.

**Lenin Tells Soviets That Foe's "Knees Are On Our Chest."**

### A PITIABLE EXHIBITION.

#### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Army Group of Eichhorn.—Our troops have occupied Pernau. An Estonian battalion, which was there, has placed itself under the German command.

Yesterday morning Dorpat was taken. On the way there 3,000 prisoners were taken and many hundreds of automobiles were captured.

Army Group of Linsingen.—In Rovno the whole staff of the Russian special army fell into our hands. The commander-in-chief has fled. Advance troops have reached Jitomir and established contact there with Ukrainian troops.

### WHAT LENIN TOLD THE SOVIETS.

PETROGRAD, Sunday Night (received yesterday).—The Central Executive Committee of the Soviets agreed to the German peace terms by 126 votes to eighty-five, with twenty-six abstentions.

At the sitting at the Tauride Palace of the Central Executive Committee of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates opened at two o'clock this morning, M. Sverdloff read the Austro-German peace conditions.

Lenin in a long speech insistently urged the acceptance of the terms, however oppressive and unfortunate. "Their knees are on our chest," he said, "and our position is hopeless. This peace must be accepted as a respite, enabling us to prepare our decisive resistance to bourgeois and imperialist intervention. The proletariat of the whole world will come to our aid and then we shall renew the fight."

Among the Minority speakers, the leader of the Internationalists, M. Masl, condemned the proposed peace meant the end of the Russian revolution and deprived Russia of her political independence, and that the day after its signature the Soviet authority would be the captive of Germany.—Reuter.

### A RUSSIAN DICTATOR?

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—A Berlin message states that General Bruchich (1) has been appointed successor to Krylenko.

He has been proclaimed Dictator as well as Generalissimo, and has ordered the troops to fight to the last.—Central News.

People's Commissaries (says a Reuter's telegram) have wired acceptance of peace laid down by the German Government, stating that they will dispatch a delegation to Brest-Litovsk to sign peace.

Krylenko Wounded.—A telegram from Germany states that Krylenko was shot at on Saturday at Petrograd by a Socialist, who was arrested, says an Exchange Amsterdam message. The Generalissimo was slightly wounded in the neck.

Reuter's Agency learns that the Allied Embassies have decided to leave Petrograd.

## KUHLMANN'S PROPOSALS.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—The first meeting of the German, Austrian and Rumanian peace delegates was held yesterday at Buzen Castle, near Bukarest, but was merely formal. Kuhlmann stated the main lines of his proposal, and it is believed that M. Averescu is to make counter-proposals.

Baron von Schoeden, former German Ambassador to Paris, is now acting as a special representative of Bavaria in the Rumanian negotiations.—Exchange.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—The *Lokalanzeiger* states that a conference will be held at head-quarters at which both Emperors made a confidential exchange of ideas in regard to political and military questions.—Central News.

## "MASSES WILL BURST BONDS OF SLAVERY."

**Soldiers Without Food, Says German M.P.**

## REICHSTAG REVELATIONS.

A bitter attack on Prussian Army methods was made in the German Reichstag on Saturday by the Socialist, Herr Stuecklen, discussing a proposal that the 1869 70 classes should be withdrawn from the front line and sent home, as well as Landsturm men who have served since the beginning of the war.

Herr Stuecklen, says the Central News, made some cutting remarks regarding the giving of leave to officers' servants, who are permitted to go home several times in one year to take food to the officers' families, while on the other hand great numbers of the soldiers go without leave for years.

Herr Mueller said he had learned from a staff officer that 50 per cent. of the Landsturm men became unfit for service while still in the period of training, and 30 per cent. had to be recalled from the front almost immediately on account of illness.

Another Independent Socialist aroused great excitement by asserting that a large number of actual cripples had been called up, and proceeded to allege that men who were in bad odour politically were called up as a punishment whatever their condition. He instanced twenty such men, members of his own party.

The soldiers, he said, were complaining bitterly of the bad meat provided for them. Officers were able to procure a good dinner for 1.40 mark, while the men received rotten meat. Soldiers had been permitted to take their leave, and furlough had been granted to men who could show that they had purchased war loan.

### OFFICERS' STEAL MEN'S FOOD.

He added that, although cattle and pigs are actually slaughtered at the front, none of this meat ever reaches the men.

The hams and other joints, as well as sausages, are sent into Germany by the officers.

The speaker declared this system would end by making the masses desperate and they would burst their bonds of slavery. (Loud cheers by the Independent Socialists.)

The Socialist Schoplin declared there was no longer any enthusiasm among the troops, and asked why pan-German agitators were not sent to the front.

Another deputy warned the Reichstag that the temper of the troops was growing more bitter every hour.

The proposal was adopted, as was also a proposal, submitted by the Reichstag Main Committee, providing for the alleviation of field punishments and giving soldiers a right to claim furlough.—Central News.

## VON BISSING TACTICS FOR ALSACE-LORRAINE.

**Women Forced to Work in Trenches — Krupp's Army of Girls.**

The latest grip of Germany's iron hand on Alsace-Lorraine is to force the women and girls who still remain there to abandon their homes and perform manual labour in the war zone, states Mr. Hottel, the special representative of the United Press, America, with the French Armies.

The system of deportation and virtual slavery is the same as that inaugurated by von Bissing in Belgium and Northern France.

Despite the rigid surveillance which the Germans exercise over the inhabitants of Alsace-Lorraine, the latter still find means of getting letters into France, usually by way of Switzerland, and which give vivid if somewhat heartrending descriptions of the German regime.

One of these letters from Essy-les-Nancy, which succeeded in getting through to Ouey in Switzerland, relates that the young girls are employed in digging trenches and tunnels.

"In Alsace," runs another letter, "the Boches have inaugurated the deportation of numerous women and young girls into the military zone on the French front, where they are forced to work."

Up till 1913 Krupp's had never employed a single woman. On December 31, 1915, there were employing 10,838. According to the *Mittelhauser Tagblatt*, this number has now been quadrupled.

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# IF YOU CANNOT DIG, YOU HAD BETTER KEEP A PIG



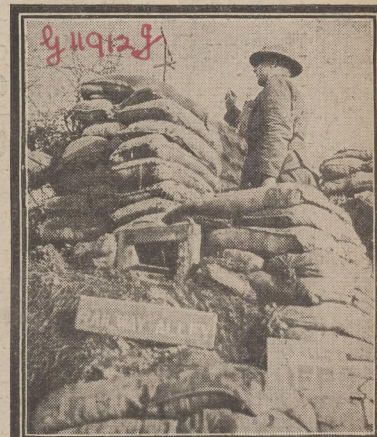
A good morning's work. Arriving at the depot with trucks of refuse.

Those who cannot cultivate potatoes can help their country by keeping pigs. The cost is practically nil, if only the trouble is taken to collect waste and "wash" in the form of potato, vegetable and fruit peelings. In view of the present shortage of food the Rural League has invited cottagers to keep pigs and form pig clubs for the purpose.



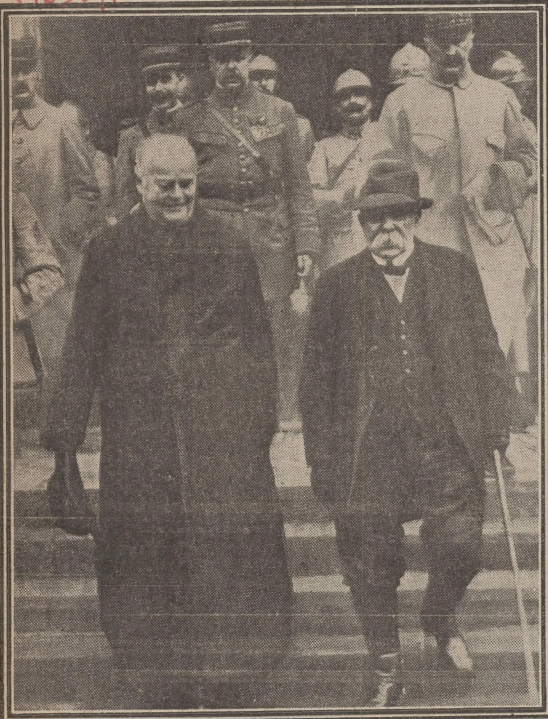
Weighing a pig four months old.

# THE GAS SENTRY.



The gas sentry of a battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment in the trenches. Evidently the alarm is to be given by way of "Railway-alley." — (Official photograph on the western front in France.)

## "THE TIGER" IN A VILLAGE IN ALSACE.



M. Clémenceau, the French Prime Minister, and the curé of Massevaux, in Alsace, leaving the village church, where he listened to an organ recital, accompanied by a group of generals and officers of State.

## U.S. ACTRESS' WAR WORK.



The New York Stage Women's War Relief has started a national drive for subscriptions to enable them to increase the work. Two of the helpers.

## DEAN'S LONG RECORD.



Dean Halahan—who retires from the rectory of Berehaven, where he has ministered since 1846—and Mrs. Halahan.

## THEIR ICY RECORD.



Leo De Forest, the famous American inventor, and Miss Nancy Mayo crossed the Hudson on the ice in New York City—a feat rarely accomplished.

## THREE NEW TANK MASCOTS.



This "Tommy" is holding in his hand a triplet of jackal pups, which were captured in Sinai by the Tank Corps.



**WAR WORKER.**—Lady Brede, who will be in charge of the collection in Whitehall on Welsh flag day.



**ENGAGED.**—Miss Peggy Buckle, whose engagement to Major E. T. Leppor, M.C., of the Royal Irish Rifles, is announced.



**SOUTH AFRICANS.**—Miss Zoe Borlase, daughter of of Mrs. H. H. Borlase, of Natal, to marry Capt. A. W. Runciman.



# EROPLANE'S LUCKY ESCAPE.



Successful escape of a British machine which had to make an enforced landing owing to trouble. The occupants escaped with slight bruises, although, as is seen, the machine has had a break.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)



Capt. Maunders, who was in the King at the Palace with the M. P.



ARD.—Maj. Gorenard, Royal Engineer, who has been the Military Cross for gallantry.

## THE NEW CHIEF OF STAFF.



A photograph of General Sir Henry Wilson on horseback. It was taken at Aldershot.

## ALLIES IN SERBIA.



Mr. Milne and a general of the French are seen reviewing troops on the Serbian front.

## TO SING TO "TOMMY."



Miss Madge Saunders, the well-known actress, who is going to the North-East to entertain the soldiers.

# PRELUDE TO CHINESE HONEYMOON



Chinese in a labour camp in a French village celebrating their New Year Day (February 11). A sailor makes love to a Chinese lady in a boat.



M.M.—Sergt. R. O. Evans, Welsh Regiment, who has been awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct last autumn.



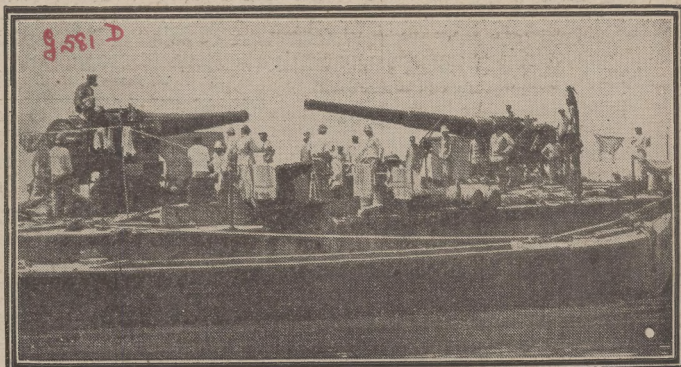
TO WED.—Miss Violet Hope Staples, whose engagement to Lieut. H. H. R. Doling, R.I. Rifles, is announced.

## DUBLIN'S NEW LORD MAYOR.



The photograph shows the new Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Lawrence O'Neill, with his friend, the venerable Father Nicholas.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

## THE WATCH-DOGS OF THE ITALIAN COAST.



Naval guns on a pontoon. This is the type of gun used in the defence of Venice and the whole Adriatic coast of Italy.—(Italian official photograph.)



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## MIDNIGHT.

**E**VEN the most convinced of our war optimists would have some difficulty, at the moment, in persuading us that the turn of the tide has begun in this gigantic struggle!

While we talk, pronounce war aims, and hope, Prussia-Germany stamps upon the bloodstained face of prostrate Russia; stabs the fallen wounded body over and over again; and plans for the final disintegration of the whole vast Empire that stretches far into the East. It looks now as if no sufficient counter-influence barred German predatory penetration across the spaces of wide Russia but Japan—the "next in the fighting line," to revert to Mr. Churchill's earlier phrase, is Japan! Germany has for the moment won the East.

And it is not as if, like Napoleon, Prussia advanced upon a yielding but elastic unity—a country defeated, but one; and ever seeking for revenge and resistance. Russia may yet rise out of ruin; but as we write it seems that her very being, her name even, has melted away. For she fights with herself, she is a kingdom divided, and on those divisions of race and aim Prussia is an expert at playing. The field for insatiable greed is open. Prussia has but to stretch out the greedy hand and take.

"There is a budding morrow in midnight." Let us remember that the one consolation in the worst is that no further worse exists in relation to it. The superlative of Russian woe is realised. We have touched the depths. We must turn our eyes elsewhere.

Elsewhere, only, and to the West—to a strengthening of our line by every conceivable means, to the hope of the vast industrial and military resources placed loyally at our disposal by America. One nascent democracy has perished. Another rises, even now, to save it and to see that "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

## POTATOES, PLEASE!

**I**N view of the Russian liquidation, talk about peace is as vain as murmuring about building houses while an earthquake is ruining the city. We must wait.

People generally see it. They have ceased talking of peace and begun to talk about potatoes instead. A wholesome food and a healthy sign!

For the potato will help us to carry through the war in regard to the food-needs at home. In its humble plain-brown jacket it serves to symbolise the honest virtues. It means toil, resistance, endeavour: all things that will be needed—like potatoes—next winter and the one after.

We refer our readers to our news announcement of the great prizes we offer for the encouragement of amateur growings throughout the country. Five hundred for the five best potatoes. The mere announcement is enough. Go ahead, then, growers and give us a profusion of potatoes as a mainstay of diet for the rest of the war!

W. M.

## IN MY GARDEN.

**FRU.** 25.—Broad beans may be sown any time now during a spell of dry weather. Since this vegetable does well in almost any well-dug soil, and requires but little skill in its cultivation, good breadths should be found in all gardens and allotments this year.

Let the drills be about two feet apart and three inches deep; the seed should be set in a double row, each being about three inches from its neighbour. Another sowing can take place in about three weeks' time. E. F. T.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Do thou thyself but hold thy tongue for one day: on the morrow how much clearer are thy purposes and duties; what wreck and rubbish have those mute workmen within thee swept away, when intrusive noises were shut out! Speech is of time. Silence is of Eternity.—*Carlyle.*



Mrs. James Arthur, niece of the Earl of Eglinton.



The Hon. Ivy Stapleton, who is nursing in France.

## RATION DAY.

History on the Cinema—The debut of the Duchess.

"THIS WILL GIVE US a grand appetite for our rations," said the cheeriest man I met yesterday. He meant the tipping and eager February morning, a contrast to the meagreness of its predecessors. Some of us could have done with a little less keen appetite on the first day of rationing.

**Back to the Army Again.**—"Blest if I don't join up again!" a discharged soldier exclaimed in my hearing yesterday, as he

# TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

**The Candidate.**—I hear that the well-known Mr. Harry Brittain will contest, at the next election, one of the new divisions brought into being by the Representation of the People Act. The Conservatives of Acton have asked him unanimously to become their candidate, and he has accepted.

**Sir Rosslyn Laughed.**—I met the First Sea Lord, Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, at dinner at Claridge's the other night. He was with his wife, Sir Francis Lloyd and a party. They all went on to Mr. de Lara's concert, where Sir Rosslyn laughed at an Irish comedian so much that his monocle dropped out.

**The Duchess Sang.**—The star of the concert, however, was the Duchess of Westminster, who sang some popular songs. Mrs. Claude Beddington accompanied. The Duchess has quite a charming voice, but her musical recitation was her best item.

**For the Troops.**—Mme. Novello Davies has been staying with Miss Viola Tree (that was

**Airman and Best Man.**—When Captain Stammers married Miss Muriel Musket yesterday at St. Mary Abbot's Church his best man was Tryggvare Gran, the famous Norwegian airman. This intrepid young flyer has won the M.C., as well as the Order of St. Olaf, which I noticed he wore in church.

**The Nursing Service.**—Twenty-six noble women have been decorated with the Royal Red Cross, I notice, because of their brave and unselfish service with our field armies. Miss Vera Clarke, assistant-matron, and seven others get the R.R.C. of the first class.

**The Heroines of Pervyse.**—The Baroness Tserclaes and Miss Chisholm are back on duty at their dressing station on the Belgian front, I hear, after a lightning lecturing stint in London which brought £1,000.

**Retired.**—I am sorry to learn the reason that Lord Powerscourt is now on the retired list, which is that his health has suffered severely on active service. He is in the Irish Guards, and for a space was Comptroller of the Household when Lord Aberdeen was at Dublin Castle.

**Another Invalid.**—Another whom the Army will lose on account of ill-health is Sir Edward Stracey. He was in the Life Guards, and used to take much interest in yachting. His wife is one of the Brinsley Sheridans.

**The Newest.**—A young "snob" tells me that if you greet a brother officer as "Old Bird" you betray the fact of being hopelessly old-fashioned. The only accepted term now is "Old Bean."

**Another Khaki Actor.**—I ran across Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Grant recently in Whitehall. Well known on the provincial stage, he was a Territorial lieutenant when war began. He now commands one of the Essex battalions.

**For the Staff.**—I am glad to hear that all the Tube refugees are not ungrateful for the safety which the Underground grants. At a certain station on a recent raid night between £5 and £6 was subscribed for the staff.

**Edgar Wilson.**—I had not come in touch with Mr. Edgar Wilson much of late years, but I remember him as fastidious alike in speech and in his attire—very unlike the shock-headed, flowing-tie type of Chelsea artist. He chose his words as carefully as his waistcoats.

**Etchings.**—Wilson's etchings are very fine (some are shown in London at the moment), and very quaint and characteristic were his Japanese decorations for the pages of the defunct *Pick-Me-Up* in its brilliant days.

**History on the "Movies."**—I doubt whether any cinematograph film has ever been taken of greater historical interest than that released this week-end through the War Office showing the entry of General Allenby into Jerusalem.

**A Memorable Occasion.**—We see the victorious British general, attended by his staff, walking through the Jaffa Gate. We also witness the reception of the commanders of Allied Detachments and attachés, and the reading of the famous proclamation to the surging crowds. How many of us dreamed of it at the beginning of the war?

**Earrings.**—An enthusiastic reader writes me to hail the revival of the Victorian long earring. "The swing of long earrings in pierced ears is a delightful sensation," she says. Well, I suppose she knows.

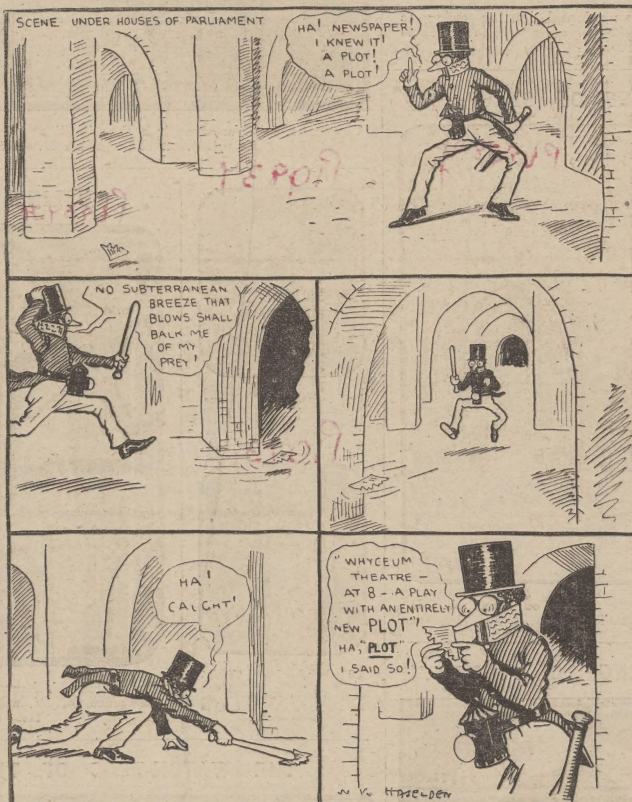
**Lady Haliburton III.**—One of London's most famous hostesses, Lady Haliburton, is ill, I regret to hear. Her late husband, who was a great man in his day at the War Office, was a son of Mr. Justice Haliburton, whose "Sam Slick" tickled our grandfathers.

**Change of Posts.**—Captain the Hon. Ormsby-Gore, M.P., Lord Harlech's son, is, I hear, leaving town next week. He has resigned his assistant secretaryship to the War Cabinet in order to take up another post.

**A Topical Definition.**—I have just heard of a small boy who, coming across the word "butteress" in his reading, opined, with his mind on "marg," queues, that it meant the woman in the butter-shop.

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## THE GREAT POLITICAL NEWSPAPER PLOT.—No. 1.



A sensation in several fits! The new Mr. Guy-Fawkes-Detector imagines, just now, that a dark plot exists in political life, whereby newspapers run the country. He goes forth into the House of Commons. Sure enough! A "scrap of paper" found in the vaults. This is the first piece of evidence, producing the first fit. He triumphs.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

puzzled over his meat card. Certainly, T. Atkins is the best-fed person under the British flag to-day.

**From France.**—I saw the other day Lady Marjorie Dalrymple, the Earl of Stair's sister, just returned from the hospitals in France. She has been staying at Cardiff Castle with the family of the Marquis of Bute, where she was among the guests to meet the Prince of Wales.

**To Meet H.R.H.**—Lady Pamela Bruce, Lord Aberdeen's daughter, was also at Cardiff Castle during the Prince's visit.

**To Be Married.**—I learn that the Hon. Mrs. George Morris is going to marry Major Gerard Sharp, of the Rifle Brigade. Mrs. Morris is the sister-in-law of Lord Killanin, and has been a widow for over three years.

for a few days, she tells me. The two have been putting the last touches to their scheme for collecting thousands of concertinas and mouth organs for the men at the front.

**Unterritorial.**—Admiral Jellicoe's new title, I notice, includes the words "of Scapa." The new Viscount, therefore, has no territorial title—in fact, the very reverse! Scapa, as most people know, is a piece of water.

**Prize Potatoes.**—Everybody I met yesterday spoke of *The Daily Mirror's* prize scheme to encourage potato production. The greatest enthusiasm seems to have been created, and the motto is "Dig, dig, dig."

**For Washington.**—They tell me at the Rumanian Legation that their First Secretary—who is Prince Antoine Bibesco—is going to Washington on a mission.







# OUR GREAT PRIZE FOR POTATOES: FOR DETAILS SEE PAGE TWO.

## GETTING READY TO HUNT THE HUN.



Canadian cavalry charging up a steep hill in France

### AT THE SERBIAN FRONT.

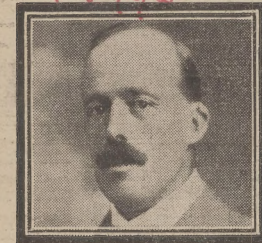


General Vassitch, who commands the Serbian Army, fighting to drive the invader out of their Motherland, with one of his staff.



Men of the machine-gun section getting ready.

A Canadian cavalryman ready to charge. The man seating himself is the one who presses the trigger.—(Canadian official.



**NEW PEER.**—Viscount Hythe, who succeeds to the peerage as second Earl Brassey. He was born on March 7, 1863.



**PROMOTED.**—Mrs. Solly-Flood, whose husband, Lieut.-Col. R. E. Solly-Flood, has just been promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General.

### THE WATERFORD FINAL MEET.



The last meet of the Waterford Hunt this season. Hunting finishes this year a month ahead of the usual date, for reasons of economy.

### AN ATTRACTIVE DRESS.



This attractive and serviceable costume is being largely adopted by French women in the French automobile service at the present time. It is likely to be popular.

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### A HUN AIRMAN.



A German airman in the basket of his "sausage" machine, holding his machine gun in his hand. He is expecting at any moment an attack on the part of the enemy aircraft.



**SEA CHAPLAIN.**—The Rev. T. H. L. Jellicoe, rector of Chailley, Sussex, a cousin of Lord Jellicoe, who has joined the hospital ship St. Margaret of Scotland as chaplain.



**DEAD.**—The late Sir Henry Arthur Blake, G.C.M.G., a distinguished Irishman, who held a number of important appointments. He was a keen sportsman and an active war worker.

### WOMEN IN THE ARMY.



A few of the women who have joined the Army—not the W.A.A.C.—are seen in the above photograph handling heavy trusses of hay with the courage and assurance of their men comrades. These women wear, under their white smocks, costumes of regulation khaki.